

REMARKS

Claims 8-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 10 have been canceled. Independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 10.

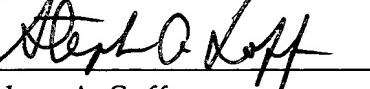
Claims 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bays in view of Torrie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,380,334) ("Torrie"). However, claim 10, which depends from claim 8, was rejected only on obviousness-type double patenting grounds (addressed below), and was not rejected as unpatentable over Bays in view of Torrie et al., or any other prior art references. Accordingly, independent claim 8, which has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 10, is submitted to be patentable over the prior art.

Claims 8 and 9 have been rejected under the obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,517,564. Applicants concurrently file a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection.

All other rejections set forth in the Office Action have been obviated by the cancellation of the rejected claims. Allowance of pending claims 8-9 is solicited.

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